(b) During 2004, six channel and in 2005, six TV channels have been issued show cause notices for violation of the Programme Code. In 2004, transmission/retransmission of one channel "REN TV" was prohibited under Section 20 of the Cable Act for telecasting obscene content. In 2005, transmission/retransmission of one channel "Cine World" has been suspended for 30 days for violation of the Code.

(c) Programmes and advertisements of all satellite TV channels transmitted/retransmitted through the cable network are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. Action for violation of the codes is taken from time to time.

The Government is considering setting up of an autonomous Authority to regulate content of TV channels.

DD Kendras in Tribal Districts

†3328. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any proposal to open Doordarshan Kendras in Tribal districts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme for tribal districts of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that seventeen Doordarshan Kendras (Studio centres) including two in Chhattisgarh are presently functioning in tribal districts of the country. Additional studios are under implementation at two Doordarshan Kendras in tribal districts viz. Raipur (Chhattisgarh) and Ranchi (Jharkhand). There is no scheme to set up any Doordarshan Kendra in Madhya Pradesh.

Registration of publication in Tamil Nadu

3329. SHRI T.T.V DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the number of titles registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India as daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc. in Tamil Nadu, category-wise;

(b) whether all these titles are in circulation currently;

(c) whether these titles are kept confidential; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) As per records, the total number of 3303 titles have been registered with Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) from Tamil Nadu as on 31.3.2004. Out of this, 391 are dailies, 53 tri/biweekly, 509 weeklies, 350 fortnightlies, 1695 monthlies, 182 quarterlies, 28 annuals and 95 with other periodicities.

(b) Circulation of the publications of the registered titles is known to RNI only from the annual statement submitted by the publishers. As per records of RNI out of 3303 registered titles only 214 newspapers have submitted annual statement for the year 2003-04.

(c) No, Sir. All the titles registered with RNI are available on the website of RNI www.rni.nic.in.

(d) Does not arise.

Crime Based Programmes on TV Channels

†3330. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crime related programmes based on the true incidents telecast on various TV channels;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to take action against the said organisation/offices and anti-social elements shown in the above programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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